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Opposition to U.S. imperialism grows

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Anti-imperialist activists rallied and marched in New York City on July 27 to say "U.S. out of Korea!" "U.S. out of the Philippines!" and more so, "U.S. out of everywhere!" Organized by Nodutdol, a Korean anti-imperialist organization, the protest followed a very successful Peoples Summit for Korea held on the two previous days featuring numerous activists from both the U.S. and South Korea.

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Philippine activists and supporters demonstrated July 27 outside the Consulate General of the Philippines in New York City to give a People's State of the Nation address, in opposition to the State of the Nation address by Philippine President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. on the same day. Organized by BAYAN Northeast — a regional alliance from Boston to Philadelphia that includes Anakbayan (for youth), GABRIELA (for women) and Migrante USA (for migrant workers) — their goal was "to represent the true economic, political and social realities in the Philippines and its global diaspora." Their demands ranged from aiding Filipino migrant workers abducted and detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement to removing U.S. troops and Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement bases from the Philippines.

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As we all watch with horror the skeletal bodies of children dying of Israeli-imposed starvation in Gaza, the Colorado Palestinian Coalition called an emergency rally at the capital in Denver on July 24. Jewish Voice for Peace came in support with many other organizations totaling about 300 people. Everyone, including children, banged on empty pots creating a symbolic thunderous noise. The downtown crowds and commuters leaving work were very supportive.

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IOF genocide in Gaza
Is internal resistance possible?

Call to end Gaza fighting at Tel Aviv protest, July 24, 2025. Can this opposition encourage refusal to fight among IOF soldiers?

By John Catalinotto

July 28 — Every day more people in the world, including those living in the imperialist states that have armed and funded Israel, are turning against the Israeli settler state. The youth who have been protesting genocide now consider Israel a pariah state just as people once considered apartheid South Africa a pariah state.

Big questions remain regarding Israel itself. Has this change in the attitude toward Israel since October 7, 2023, changed political consciousness among Jewish Israelis? Can opposition to the regime grow and contribute to ending the assault on Gaza? Is it possible for active opposition to spread to the soldiers of the Israel Occupation Forces (IOF)?

Up to now a large majority of Israelis — even those who criticize the existing ultraright regime — apparently still express support for the war aims of the IOF. At least a significant minority of the troops participate directly in war crimes (purposely targeting Palestinian children, for example) and even celebrate them.

On the other hand, some recent news items indicate cracks in the Israeli military machine — from the inside.

In the spring of 2025 as many as 100,000 reservists failed to answer calls to active duty. The news magazine +972 reported April 11 that: "No one can state precise numbers. No political party or leader calls for it explicitly. But anyone who has spent time at anti-government protests or on Hebrew-language social media in recent weeks knows it to be true: It is becoming increasingly legitimate to refuse to report for military service in Israel — and not only among the radical left."

This rejection by soldiers shows signs of intensifying this summer. Haaretz newspaper reported July 16 that the fourth Israeli soldier since early July had committed suicide, this one with the Nahal Brigade at a base in northern Israel.

Then the Times of Israel reported July 23 that three members of the Israeli Air Force, two regular soldiers and a non-commissioned officer, are being investigated for sabotage. The article reports that "an investigation by the Military Police Investigatory Unit has been opened against two soldiers and a non-commissioned officer on suspicion of sabotaging several unmanned aerial vehicles [drones]."

For dissent and opposition with a national army to reach the level where it has political impact, most of the following conditions need to be present: continued resistance from the "enemy" that creates a real danger for the troops; lack of belief among the troops in the goals of the military or of the government; a growing knowledge that following orders makes you complicit in war crimes; and a belief that refusal to obey orders has some popular support from your community.

The heroic Palestinian fighters continue to resist. The Israeli military, while murdering children, has won nothing. Israel's political isolation grows daily.

A call to military resistance

The awareness of Israel's genocidal acts has reached deep enough into Jewish Israeli society that voices considered moderate have made a direct appeal to troops to refuse duty in Gaza.

The following appeal is from Fania Oz-Salzberger, a writer and historian. She is the daughter of the most widely known Israeli author, the late Amos Oz (founder of the Peace Now movement and supporter of a two-state solution) and has co-authored a book with him.

That she had the audacity to issue the call is itself a sign of expanding disgust with the genocide and the Netanyahu regime. Fania Oz-Salzberger knows her audience.

Soldiers, active duty and reserve,

Parents and grandparents of soldiers,

There is no other choice: Refuse to serve in Gaza. Refuse, refuse, refuse.

The hostages and their suffering families have been betrayed by the Israeli government.

The mass famine in Gaza is a fact, horrible and undeniable.

The daily massacre at food distribution centers is not self-defense, but an atrocious war crime.

International law has not been on our side for a long time.

Soldiers are sacrificing their young lives in vain, worse than in vain: for an evil and destructive cause.

For the first time in decades, the world's moderate public opinion and Israel's last allies are turning against us with horror. Not because they are antisemitic, but because they are human.

The messianic far right is leading us into its madness toward total global isolation, with absolute faith that there is a God and that he is on our side.

Refuse, refuse, refuse.

Without illusions of an easy or quick victory, we can still read this call as an opportunity for an additional path of struggle: Refuse, sabotage, mutiny.

Catalinotto is author of "Turn the Guns Around: Mutinies, Soldier Revolts and Revolutions (2017)."

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Ongoing fight to win justice for Breonna Taylor

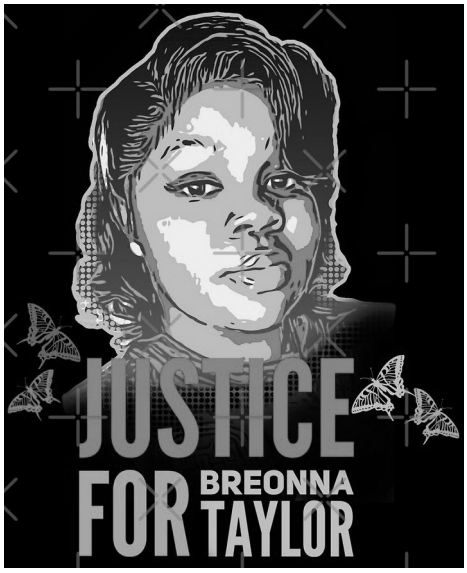
It was two months before the notorious videotaped lynching of George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, by white Minneapolis police officers. On March 13, 2020, Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old Black emergency medical technician, was fatally shot by white police officers in Louisville, Kentucky. Taylor was sleeping in her home.

Taylor was the victim of a Kentucky "no-knock" law that allows the police to enter someone's home without showing a warrant and without any warning. In this case, the police entered the wrong residence in order to carry out a drug bust. Four police officers fired over 30 bullets into Taylor's home, with a majority hitting her.

The killing took place after Taylor's significant other, Kenneth Walker, thinking that a robbery was taking place, fired his registered gun to defend himself and Taylor. Walker was arrested for hitting a police officer in the leg. He was later released, since the police had not identified themselves.

None of the four officers were charged, much less indicted, for the first-degree or even second-degree murder of Taylor. All the officers were charged by the U.S. Justice Department for violating Taylor's civil rights, with one other officer found guilty in 2022. Two other officers are facing similar federal charges.

One of the officers, Brett Hankison — who shot 10 bullets into the residences of



Taylor's neighbors — was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Rebecca Grady Jennings on July 21, 2025, to 33 months in prison after a jury found him guilty last November.

Taylor's family and legal counsel were hoping for a much longer sentence, since Hankison could have faced a life term in prison for violating Taylor's civil rights.

Sparked by the mass protests following the police murders of Taylor and Floyd, the Justice Department, under the President Joe Biden administration, was forced to put into place moderate police reform policies for the Louisville and Minneapolis police departments, both of which have sordid histories of police violence against people of color. A partial ban on the no-knock law was passed by the state legislature in 2021.

Once Donald Trump reoccupied the White House in January, his administration pushed hard to reverse these police reforms and give police greater power to carry out all forms of violence with impunity. In the sentencing of Hankison, the Justice Department stated that he should have received a prison term of only one day!

While it is true that any kind of sentencing a police officer receives in reaction to acts of violence against Black and Brown people is an important concession, it can never be adequate compensation. Under capitalism, the lives of people of color are regarded as less valuable, due to society being ruled by white supremacy. And with a president who is an overt white supremacist, all concessionary laws won through mass struggle are being threatened with repeal by the racist Justice Department.

A thoroughgoing revolutionary transformation of society to uproot the violence capitalism foments is needed. We must establish a socialist society based on cooperation and equality that can make the demand to "abolish the police" a reality for workers and oppressed peoples. This will bring about real justice for the Breonna Taylors and George Floyds of the world. ☐

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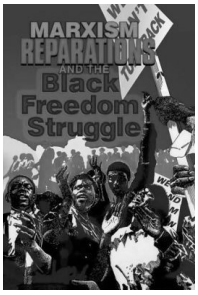

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On the 35th anniversary of ADA

No to fascist austerity! No pride in genocide!

By Workers World Boston bureau

Over 1,500 demonstrators rallied outside Boston City Hall on July 23 to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A coalition of Massachusetts disability rights organizations and labor unions, including Boston Center for Independent Living, Dignity Alliance Massachusetts and Service Employees International Union 1199, along with dozens of others sponsored the commemoration.

Workers World Boston contingent at 35th anniversary of passage of Americans with Disabilities Act, Boston, July 23, 2025.

Decades of protests, sit-ins and shutdowns by disabled activists and their allies forced Congress to pass the ADA in 1990. "That was won through struggle with our class enemy," said Brian Shea, a longtime Workers World Party activist, recalling the actions he and other militant disability justice activists participated in. Efforts by WWP nationally, Shea noted, pushed the Amalgamated Transit Union representing bus giant Greyhound drivers to back the ADA.

The struggle for disability liberation is ongoing — as the Trump administration's murderous budget demonstrates, escalating decades of bipartisan neoliberal austerity. Shea explained: "The ruling class sees any concessions it makes as temporary. They will try to claw it back. This is basically a class struggle. And the mass movement made the difference."

The Boston July 23 action comes after the Trump administration announced trillion dollar cutbacks to Medicaid, threatening to reverse the gains for disability justice enshrined by the ADA. Trump's austerity program disproportionately targets elders and disabled people, millions of whom rely on the community care programs that federal Medicaid cutbacks are pressuring state governments to abandon.

In Massachusetts alone, hundreds of thousands of residents risk losing health insurance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits — cuts that above all affect undocumented immigrants, low-income families and people with disabilities. As Shea described, the rally owed its large turnout to widespread anger over Trump's austerity and fascist crackdown. He said, "people are angry.They're looking to fight back."

To open the rally, organizers led the crowd in chants of "ADA is here to stay! We will never go away!" Stressing the threat to Medicaid benefits, Reggie Clark, an activist and survivor of the notoriously abusive Fernald School, declared: "This is your right. Stand tall, and don't let no one get in your way!" From City Hall, demonstrators marched to The Embrace sculpture on Boston Common where additional speeches took place.

'You have the power! You are the heroes!'

Disability justice activist Keith Jones emphasized the need for intensified struggle to secure and extend the concessions won by the disabled community: "Right now, we are facing pressure to conform to a system that our humanity is not seen worthy of. We are facing a system that's looking at our humanity as if they are doing us a favor. What you need to understand about this time is that it is the opportunity to show what it is we mean by pressure. ... You have all of the power. ... You are the heroes for this moment."

As Shea described, the U.S. is using its ableist austerity regime to fund the ongoing genocide and mass disabling in Gaza, where the Israel Occupation Forces continue to bomb, massacre and starve hundreds of thousands of Palestinian men, women and children. Gaza has the highest rate of child amputees in the world, with nearly 20,000 children having lost limbs. Hundreds of thousands of others continue to suffer physical and psychic trauma that words cannot adequately describe.

Shea explained: "This is a transfer of funds to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and for genocide. Every dollar that comes out of the social supports, every dollar that comes from austerity cutbacks, goes to ICE. Every dollar goes to this settler state of Israel. From the U.S. settler state to the Israeli settler state. Basically, they're desperate. The U.S is an empire in decline and decay. They're actually very brazen about what they're doing."

He continued: "Rosa Luxemburg wrote that the choice was socialism or barbarism. In Cuba, people were talking about socialism or death. The ruling class doesn't want to bother with any level of encryption anymore. There's no salvaging this system."

Solidarity with Palestine

As Shea noted, disability justice groups such as Sins Invalid continue to make explicit these connections — and the need for shared internationalist struggle against genocidal ableism and imperialism. Read Sins Invalid's statement on Palestine at sinsinvalid.org.

After the rally, WW activists displayed a Palestinian flag in a show of solidarity between disability justice, anti-fascist and anti-imperialist struggles worldwide. As Shea described, because capitalism exploits, devalues and dehumanizes peoples worldwide through fabricated rankings of race, gender and ability, these groups oppressed by these hierarchies have a common enemy.

"We don't have a choice but to get rid of a system that supports a class that owns the wealth we produce, while our class that produces all of the wealth owns none of it," Shea said. "This is where it goes. It resulted in death and genocide in Palestine, and they're bringing it home." □

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Growing global criticism challenges Israel's starvation war

Palestinians queue for food distribution as starvation rises due to Israel's blockade and ongoing attacks on Gaza, July 16, 2025.

By Betsey Piette

It has become so increasingly clear that Israel is intentionally starving the nearly 2 million Palestinians in Gaza that even major corporate news outlets, including the New York Times, Washington Post and the British Broadcasting Corporation, are finally covering this crisis. Over the last week, the Times and other big business media ran a photo of a Palestinian mother and her starving child on page one.

That in itself is newsworthy after 22 months of these media outlets ignoring the growing Israeli/U.S. genocide in Gaza. But they have been pushed to do so by the increasing international opposition to this murderous siege, which includes a joint statement signed by ministers of 28 countries — Australia, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland — issued on July 21, telling Israel that the war on Gaza "must end now." Many of these countries are considered allies of Israel.

In addition, at an emergency summit in July of the Hague Group in Bogotá, Colombia, a joint statement was announced with measures to hold Israel accountable for its war crimes in Palestine. It was signed by Algeria, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Chile, China, Cuba, Djibouti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Portugal, Qatar, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela. (Consortium News, July 19)

And a statement by over 115 charity and human rights groups citing evidence of "Israel's use of starvation to inflict genocide against Palestinians" is the latest example of condemnation of Israel. (Associated Press, July 23)

'Racing ahead for Gaza to be wiped out'

Articles in the Israeli press have made Israel's intentions crystal clear. The Times of Israel on July 24 covered remarks by far-right Israeli Heritage Minister Amichai Eliyahu who said that "the government is racing ahead for Gaza to be wiped out." While claiming "there is no hunger in Gaza," Eliyahu stated, "all Gaza will be Jewish."

In April 2025 Truthout covered a meeting between Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and top Republican leaders at Donald Trump's estate at Mar-a-Lago, where they agreed that Israel should continue bombing humanitarian aid sites in Gaza as a means of preparing for Israelis to resettle Gaza. They did this despite global awareness that Israel's withholding of humanitarian aid amounts to genocide, and the targeting of humanitarian aid and relief workers is a war crime.

According to Common Dreams, the Israeli Knesset (parliament) hosted a conference on July 22 titled "The Gaza Riviera — from vision to reality," in which far-right politicians and Israeli settlers discussed "a proposed plan" to ethnically cleanse Gaza of Palestinians and annex it for Israel. Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, also a minister in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's defense ministry, referred to "a green light" from Trump to turn Gaza into "a prosperous strip, a resort town." (July 23, 2025)

Their strategy is to make conditions so intolerable for Palestinians in Gaza that they will agree to relocate to other countries, including Ethiopia, Indonesia and Libya, although there is no basis in reality for this to happen.

Starvation deaths mounting across Gaza

The Cradle on July 22, reported that the United Nations' food aid program warned that "one in three people in Gaza are going days without food, with thousands on the verge of 'catastrophic hunger.' … At the same time, 96 percent of the population suffers from severe food insecurity, including over one million children."

On July 22 hospitals in Gaza reported that "fifteen more people died of starvation in the preceding 24 hours, bringing the total of deaths by starvation to 101, including 80 children." (Mondoweiss, July 23) By all accounts this is an undercount given that deaths outside of hospitals are not included and that many deaths of newborn, elderly or chronically ill people may be attributed to other causes.

No lack of food

But there is no lack of food — only a lack of accessibility to the massive number of aid containers being denied entry by Israel.

According to Oxfam, humanitarian aid groups have accumulated around 420,000 aid pallets — tens of thousands of truckloads of aid which are sitting in "limbo" in warehouses awaiting Israel's approval for entry into Gaza. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has 6,000 trucks loaded with life-saving materials waiting in Jordan and Egypt, because the Israel Occupation Forces, which control all entry of humanitarian supplies into Gaza, are blocking entry. (Truthout, July 24)

Israel has also restricted the U.N. and other recognized aid groups from operating in Gaza since May. The Zionist state has instead put the widely condemned Gaza Humanitarian Foundation in control of food distributions, despite over 1,000 Palestinians being killed by Israeli forces while seeking GHF aid. (workers.org/2025/07/86736/)

Several news sources also reported that U.S. contractors hired to guard aid distribution sites in Gaza have used live ammunition, stun grenades and tear gas against Palestinians seeking food. At one site, several women were reportedly beaten by these U.S. mercenaries.

Airdrops deadly and woefully inadequate

With international pressure mounting, on July 27 Israel began dropping aid from planes — a method used months ago that resulted in more deaths on the ground and provided no reliable way to distribute what aid was dropped. According to Reuters, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates were allowed to start air drops, but Oxfam has said the amount of food involved is woefully inadequate for Gazans' needs.

Bushra Khalidi, Oxfam policy lead for the occupied Palestinian territories, told The Guardian: "Deadly airdrops and a trickle of trucks won't undo months of engineered

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El linchamiento de un ciudadano estadounidense palestino expone la hipocresía de Washington

La hipocresía del imperialismo estadounidense no tiene límites.

Así lo ha demostrado una vez más el fracaso del gobierno estadounidense a la hora de investigar el linchamiento de Sayfollah Musallet, de 20 años. Ciudadano estadounidense de ascendencia palestina, Musallet fue golpeado hasta la muerte el 17 de julio cerca de Sinjil, en Cisjordania ocupada por Israel, por colonos sionistas enmascarados cuando intentaba proteger de ellos la granja de su familia. Las Fuerzas de Ocupación israelíes (IOF) impidieron que las ambulancias llegaran hasta Musallet durante tres horas; murió de camino al hospital.

Vigilia por Sayfullah Musallet, Tampa, Florida, 19 de julio de 2025.

Musallet es el quinto ciudadano estadounidense asesinado en Cisjordania por colonos fascistas israelíes o por las IOF desde el 7 de octubre de 2023. Los otros son los palestino-estadounidenses Tawfic Abdel-Jabbar y Mohammed Khdour, el trabajador de World Central Kitchen Jacob Flickinger y el turco-estadounidense Ayşenur Eygi. El Departamento de Justicia no ha tomado ninguna medida significativa en sus casos.

El año pasado, el padre de Ayşenur Eygi, Mehmet Suat Eygi, preguntó: "¿Cuál es la razón de este doble rasero? No lo sabemos. ¿Es porque Ayşenur tenía doble nacionalidad? ¿O es que el criminal, el país al que corresponde este crimen, es Israel?". (Oregon Public Broadcasting, 17 de octubre de 2024.)

Esto contrasta fuertemente con la atención prestada a los cerca de 40 ciudadanos estadounidenses entre los que fueron hechos prisioneros o asesinados durante el diluvio de Al-Aqsa. En noviembre de 2023, el entonces fiscal general de Estados Unidos, Merrick Garland, dejó claro que el Departamento de Justicia de Estados Unidos tomaría medidas en su favor. Garland anunció cargos contra seis dirigentes de Hamás y dijo: «Estamos investigando activamente la muerte de los estadounidenses utilizando todas las herramientas a nuestro alcance.» (NPR, 13 de octubre de 2024)

La actual fiscal general Pamela Bondi no ha tomado hasta ahora ninguna medida en favor de Musallet ni de ninguno de los palestino-estadounidenses asesinados en Palestina por los sionistas. Demócratas y republicanos han demostrado la misma inacción.

Estados Unidos tiene un largo historial de fingir preocupación por sus propios ciudadanos cuando conviene a sus intereses imperialistas. En 1983, bajo la presidencia de Ronald Reagan, el Pentágono invadió la pequeña isla caribeña de Granada alegando la necesidad de proteger a los estudiantes de medicina estadounidenses que estudiaban allí. La verdadera motivación de la invasión estadounidense era hacerse con el control de Granada, cuyo gobierno había sido antiimperialista y tenía una orientación socialista.

Del mismo modo, la invasión estadounidense de Panamá en 1989, mal llamada «Operación Causa Justa», tenía «salvaguardar las vidas de los estadounidenses» como uno de sus «objetivos». Esto ocurrió después de que sólo un miembro del Cuerpo de Marines resultara muerto y otro herido. (gao.gov)

«Las fuerzas invasoras estadounidenses destruyeron 20.000 hogares y mataron a cientos de panameños inocentes, arrojando los cadáveres a fosas comunes», según el Congreso Norteamericano sobre América Latina. (4 de septiembre de 2024)

Sin embargo, ¡no se hace nada para proteger a los palestinos y a los activistas solidarios que visitan Palestina!

Esto es indignante, pero no debería sorprender a nadie en el movimiento antiimperialista. El Estado capitalista lleva a cabo guerras que sirven a sus intereses de clase. No apoya ni siquiera a sus propios ciudadanos cuando son asesinados por fuerzas como los sionistas, que son herramientas del imperialismo. ☐

Growing criticism of Israel's war

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starvation in Gaza. What's needed is the immediate opening of all crossings for full, unhindered and safe aid delivery across all of Gaza and a permanent ceasefire. Anything less risks being little more than a tactical gesture." (July 27)

Many of the countries which signed the statement calling for Israel to end its war on Gaza have historically enabled Israel's atrocities. Now is the time for action, not just words — public condemnation of Israel's conduct must be matched with protective and preventive action for the people of Gaza.

Many of these countries have the capacity — the ships and planes — that could immediately break the blockade and end the genocide. To do less leaves these countries complicit in Israel's genocidal war crimes.

Open all Gaza crossings and end the war now! ☐

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